

The LHC Veterans Treatment Court Monthly Newsletter dedicated to having the Six of every Justice Involved Veteran

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Upcoming Veteran Court Events

Buckskin Hike

Hiking builds bonds and strengthens teamwork—which is why the Lake Havasu City Veterans Treatment Court loves to hike as a group. This month's group hike will take place on November



19th at Buckskin State Park. Everyone is to meet at the Court at 9 a.m. Transportation and lunch will be provided.

*Please note: This hike is of intermediate hiking difficulty and is only open to Veterans who are physically capable.

Spreading Holiday Cheer

Spreading Holiday Cheer is an opportunity for the Lake Havasu City Veterans Treatment Court participants to give back by making Holiday Cards to brighten someone's holiday season.

This event will be held on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 12:00p.m. at the Courthouse.

Art skills are not required.

Lunch will be provided to everyone.

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Local Veteran Events

Lake Havasu City Veterans Day Parade



November 11th at 10 a.m. Mainstreet

The Lake Havasu City Veterans Treatment Court and the Veterans Resource Team will be participating.

Heroes on the Water - Kayak Fishing



November 12th at 8 a.m.
Mesquite Bay N. Motorless Launch
Free to all Veterans and 1st Responders

Heroes on the Water is a therapeutic kayak fishing rehabilitation and reintegration program dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of active duty personnel and Veterans.

All gear will be provided and lunch will be served after. Please email mohavevalleyaz@heroesonthewater.org or call Martin Toomey at (928) 210-6272 to register

Local Veteran Events

Flag Retirement Ceremony

The Lake Havasu City Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9401 will be hosting a Flag Retirement Ceremony on November 19th at 10 a.m. at Campbell Ranch located on 4066 Chemehuevi Blvd.



Hospice of Havasu

Thursday,
December 1,
4 to 6 p.m.
at the meeting room
adjacent to the
Hospice of Havasu
Resale Store,
232 London
Bridge Road

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COFFEE, Tea & HOLIDay Tree

Facing the holidays can be difficult during the grief journey.

Join us for a time of reflection and to create a special ornament in memory of your loved one.

The Graduate Review Board

Branch of Service

VTC Graduation Date:

January 8th, 2016



This We'll Defend

VTC Experience:

I felt Veterans Treatment Court was fantastic. It is an unbelievable program that anyone with issues or needs should go through. My situation of how I became involved in Veterans Court was a bit different than most, but it did not matter. I received good coaching, amazing attorney services, and was given opportunities to give back to the community.

Now, I am a proud Mentor for the program and one of my Mentee Veterans is graduating at the next Veterans Court Graduation. Being a Mentor who has gone through the program has given me the experience needed to further help my fellow Veterans succeed in the program.

Sincerely,
A Proud Vet Court Graduate

Kingman Vet Court

Upcoming Veterans Court Dates

Kingman Municipal Court

Veterans Treatment Court November 9, 2016 at 1:30pm November 23, 2016 at 1:30pm

Veterans Resource Team
November 16, 2016 at 12:00pm

Kingman Mentor Corps

The mission of VTC Mentors is to serve their Justice Involved Veterans by being a source of positivity, moral support, and guidance as they work toward successfully completing the VTC program.

If you, or any Veteran you know, is interested in becoming a Mentor, please contact:

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Benefits and Service Sector Spotlight On: Stand Down

The purpose of a Stand Down is to provide assistance and services to homeless and at-risk Veterans. The first stateside Stand Down was organized by the Veterans Village of San Diego in 1988 and was modeled after Stand Downs held during the Vietnam War. According to the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, these wartime Stand Downs enabled combat troops "to take care of personal hygiene, get clean uniforms, enjoy warm meals, receive medical and dental care, mail and receive letters, and enjoy the camaraderie of friends in a safe environment." It is in this same spirit that all Stand Downs across the nation are held every year.

Lake Havasu City Veterans Resource Team Stand Down

November 5th
7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Knights of Columbus
186 London Bridge Rd

Veterans, come and enjoy a <u>free</u> breakfast, hosted by the Veterans Resource Team!

There will also be booths to provide information and assistance with housing, employment, counseling, VA benefits, a clothing closet for Veterans in need, and more.

This is an open event for all Veterans and their families.

This Month in U.S. Military History The Marine Corps Turns 241!

In 1775, the Continental Congress called for the formation of two battalions of Marines "to fight for independence at sea and on shore" during the Revolutionary War. Officially approved on November 10, 1775, the Continental Marines are formed. Although they were dismantled after the Revolutionary War was won—the Continental Marines were reestablished and renamed the United States Marine Corps by Congress on July 11, 1798. Since then, the USMC has grown dramatically, making them into the fully self-sustained armed force they are today, with over 200,000 Marines in its rank capable of deployment by land, sea, or air.

The Battle of Imo Jima

"Japanese soldiers turned the volcanic island into a trap, fighting from a maze of tunnels and steel bunkers beneath Mt. Suribachi. The Battle of Iwo Jima lasted 36 days and resulted in heavy casualties before the Marines secured the island.

"Four days into the battle, a Marine patrol reached the summit of Mt. Suribachi and raised the American Flag to encourage troops below. Later on, a team of Marines was sent with a larger, more visible flag. This time, the flag raising was captured by photographer Joe Rosenthal. Within days, the photo of the moment that embodied the Marines' struggle and victory became front-page news."



A part of the Marine uniform since 1868, the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor representative of three Marine commitments. The Eagle represents the proud nation they defend, the Globe represents their presence across the world, and the Anchor represents their naval heritage and ability to access any coastline around the world.



Fun Fact: Both Chuck Norris and Gary Sinise (aka Lt. Dan from *Forrest Gump*) are Honorary Marines.



Judge K's Corner

"Initiating change can be difficult, but it's through change that we learn more about ourselves and what we are truly capable of."

—Judge Kalauli

Bring Support To Veterans Court

Family and Friends are always welcome at our Veterans
Treatment Court Hearings. We firmly believe it is their involvement that helps with the recovery process.

To encourage Family and Friends involvement, for every one person a Justice Involved Veteran brings to court, they will receive a ticket to be placed into a raffle.



Recruiting Mentors

We want **YOU** to be involved in our LHC Veterans Treatment Court Mentor Program!!!



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